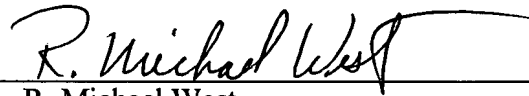


Applicant notes the Examiner's comment, that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims drawn to additional species which are written in dependent form, or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim, pursuant to 37 CFR Section 1.141.

In summary, Applicant has complied with the election requirement and has made preliminary amendments to claims 1 and 25, in an effort to facilitate further prosecution of this application. It is now believed that an action on the merits is in order, and such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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